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**Subject: Rules Respecting Key Trains and Key Routes**



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Gentlemen:

The Railway Association of Canada (RAC), on behalf of its federally regulated members, Ontario short lines who are under agreement with Transport Canada (TC), and local railway companies who have provided us with a power of attorney will be soon filing rules under the Railway Safety Act to address Key Trains and Key Routes.

On April 23, 2014 Transport Canada issued a Section 19 Order to all federally regulated railways in Canada requiring them to formulate rules to address the safe and secure operation of trains carrying certain dangerous goods and flammable liquids.

The Section 19 Order is a result of the Lac-Mégantic and other recent rail incidents in Canada and the United States (US) that have demonstrated vulnerabilities concerning the transportation of dangerous goods.

The RAC established a working group of industry experts, representing operations and regulatory expertise to develop the rule. They have been consulting with Transport Canada on a regular basis to obtain their input and expertise.

The RAC feels that the new Rule will address all components raised in the Section 19 and will enhance safety in our industry as well as to the municipalities we operate through.

We are providing you with an opportunity to review the draft version of the Rule in Appendix A and provide comments as required under Section 20(2) of the Railway Safety Act.

Kindly provide your respective comments on or before **October 16, 2014**.

Should you have any questions regarding this new rule, please contact Mr. Kevin McKinnon, Director Regulatory Affairs at 613-564-8101 or email at [kevinm@railcan.ca](mailto:kevinm@railcan.ca).

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